

Health Issues and Priorities

Community Process

In summary, the Health Indicator Trends that have shown an increasing trend over the past 10 years include:

- **Percent births to unwed women**
- **Number pregnancies/1000 females**
- **Number pregnancies/1000 females ages 18-19**
- **Percent pregnancies to unwed women**
- **White female age-adjusted mortality rate/100,000 population**
- **Female breast cancer mortality rate 100,000 women age 40 or more**
- **Motor vehicle accidental mortality rate**

In analyzing these trends, the council's awareness of these problems increased dramatically. There was much discussion about the increasing incidence of female breast cancer mortality rates, and the motor vehicle accidental mortality rate.

After a thorough analysis of all data sets, Behavioral Risk Factor Survey, and Community Health Assessment Survey, the council established priorities among a multitude of problems. In order to ensure the accuracy of the council's ranking, the Community Development staff developed a prioritization table that provided a means of comparison between all top issues addressed. This table presents the order ranking of each issue from both surveys and then compares the actual data to each issue. The data may either reinforce or refute the council's perceptions about their top concerns. The Prioritization Table is a culmination of the information presented to the council over the last several months and is provided in a concise and well-organized manner.